## TALK ABOUT WATER That is What the Board Did for Two Hours Last Wight.

AN ORDINANCE AS TO METERS

The Committee Asked to Prepare One-To Repair the Free Bridge-Mr. Blake's Criticism Upon an Editorial-Session of the Aldermen

The Board of Aldermen convened in egular session last night, and a great eal of routine business was transacted. se in attendance were President Turpin and Messrs, Allen, Bahen, Blake, Buron, Hardwicke, King, Mann, Mitchell Moore, Mountcastle, Reeve, Snead, Starke, Tanner, and Vaughan.

From the Committee on Health ca he amendments recommended to the ordiance regarding the duties of the City Plumber. The proposed changes were lake on the table and ordered to be printed. Board agreed to the appropriation of \$75 for the construction of a sewer in the alley west of Jefferson street and oth of Cary.

There was a little discussion over th lution to appropriate \$1.500 for cerain needed repairs to the James River Free Bridge, the same not to be available until the city of Manchester makes a llar appropriation. Mr. Noble asked the necessity to make such an expenditure when the bridge might be materially altered, and a much larger or much smaller sum necessary as soon as the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company began to build its viaduct and new depot here. Mr. Allen, chairman of the Committee on Streets, explained that the repairs asked for were essential for the maintenance of the bridge, and remarked that it might be a year before work was even commenced on the Chesapeake and Ohio's scheme. The resolution was eventually adopted. the necessity to make such an expenditure

Mr. Hardwicke, chairman of the Com mittee on Finance, presented a resolution providing for the payment to A. O. Luck-hardt of \$3,000, the amount of a judgment obtained by him against the city January

obtained by him against the city January 18, 186. This was agreed to.
The report of the Committee on Water, regarding the expediency of abolishing the office of Superintendent of Pumphouses, was handed in by Mr. Bahen. The committee reported that it deemed it inexpedient to abolish this office, but recomended that the salary of the Superintendent be reduced from \$1,690 to \$1,200 per annium.

INCREASE OUR WATER SUPPLY. INCREASE OUR WATER SUPPLY.

At this point a resolution providing for
the issuance of \$6,000 of 4 per cent. bonds
for the laying of an additional 24-inch
water-main from the New reservoir to
the corner of Third and Broad streets
came up, and was considered at length.
At the intersection of the streets named
the pipes are to connect with the 16-inch
main which furnishes Church Hill with

Muter-Works, who was present, was called upon to explain the situation. This he did briefly, and recommended the laying of a 35-inch, instead of a 24-inch main, as the former would supply the necessary water for the next ten or twelve years. He said that in 1833 the revenues of the december were 1823 000 and that of the department were \$183,000, and that luring the latter part of that year 660 during the latter part of that year 660 meters were put in, thereby reducing the revenues in 1894 to \$135,000. In 1894 about 100 meters were put in, but the receipts for water were not lowered in 1895.

The present reservoirs have a capacity of a supply for four and a half days. The cost of pumping the water into the reservoir was \$2.35 per million gailons by water-power, and \$10 by steam-pump. If the entire city was provided with me-

by water-power, and \$10 by steam-pump. If the entire city was provided with meters, according to Superintendent Bolling, it would cost the city about \$190,000. After making a thorough examination, Mr. Itolling said, he had found that the laying of a 24-inch main to Third and Broad streets would cost about \$62,000, and the laying of a 36-inch pipe, \$105,000. In either case, an additional appropriation of \$130,000 would have to be made to secure the necessary pumping facilities.

ALL THAT WAS NECESSARY. Mr. Reeve said he had thoroughly ex-amined the matter, and was of the opin-ion that the expenditure of \$50,000 or \$60,000 would be all that was necessary, and that the laying of the 24-inch water-main would be all that was needed. Messrs. Noble, Blake, and Allen asked

Messra. Noble, Blake, and Allen asked quite a number of questions, which brought out a good deal of information.

Mr. Allen, who said that he had also given the matter careful consideration, stated that the only way out of the difficulty was to stop the waste, and that could only be done by the general introduction of meters. The city would sooner or later have to agree to the introduction of meters; for, as the supply was increased, so would also the pressure, and the waste of water be increased. It was clear to him that, inamuch as the pumping facilities were limited, the supply would become limited at the end of fifteen years, when the city would be compelled to adopt the

meter-system.

Mr. Reeve advocated the adoption of the measure before the body to secure prompt relief for, the people on Shockoe Hill and Church Hill.

Mr. Snead also urged the introduction of the meter-system, which, he thought, was only fought by prejudice.

SHOULD USE METERS.

Mr. Bolling was then recalled by Mr. Mr. Bolling was then recalled by Mr. Noble, and stated that the introduction of meters would certainly increase the pressure, and the Superintendent at some length advocated the use of meters. During the past two years some 500 meters had been introduced, and during that same period some 870 taps added to those in existence; yet the consumption of water had been reduced. Mr. Blake also favored the introduction of meters, which he thought should be paid for by the property-owners.

Mr. Allen then offered as an amendment that the sum of \$50,000 be expended for the purchase of meters, instead of for the laying of water-mains. Mr. Allen finally withdrew his amendment, and after some further discussion Mr. Yaughan moved to lay the matter on the table until the next regular meeting, but this was lost.

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The Board then declined to concur in the action of the Common Council by a vote of 5 to 10, as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Hardwicke, Moore, Mountcastle, Reeve, Vaughan—5.

Noss—Messrs. Allen, Blake, Burton, Kirg, Mann, Noblo, Snead, Starke, Tanner, Turpin—10.

Capitain Alexander Coke, the codifier of the city ordinances, was given permission to explain his claims upon the city for work done by him, and the Board then concurred in the action of the Common Council, appropriating \$625 for his services.

when the ordinance was reached in gard to the official relations between the Collector of Delinquent Taxes and a City Auditor, it was, on Mr. Noble's sotion, laid on the table, in order to be

resinance, which was adopted by the humon Council. The Board concurred in the following peropriations: To Colonel William P. sith as compensation for additional ork in the gas investigation; Mr. H. B. couder 250 for extra work in the same ms: J. G. Winston, 56 for work as stengrapher during the investigation.

TO ELECT SCHOOL TRUSTERS.
The Board also agreed to the holding a joint seasion of the two branches morrow at 7 P. M. for the purpose of coing school trustees in the First, Securing school trustees in the First, Securing and and Third districts, and for the settles of members of the James-River Commission.

Concurrent action was taken upon the resolution allowing the Finance Committee to borrow amounts of money needed from time to time, not to exceed tamone. Mr. Turpin offered a resolution appro-priating \$100 for the binding in Morocco of the annual reports of the city officials to be sent by the Mayor in exchange for reports of other cities. The resolution was adopted under suspension of the

rules.

Mr. Snead offered a resolution directing the Committee on Ordinances to have the revised city ordinances printed and ready for distribution among the members at the next regular meeting.

COPIES OF THE SALARY LIST.

On motion of Mr. Noble, it was decided to have 500 copies of the salary list of the city officers printed for distribution among the members.

On motion of Mr. King a resolution was taken from the table referring to the closing of an alley between Mosby and Pickett streets. The resolution was

then adopted.

Mr. Blake arose to a question of personal privilege and read an editorial from the State, which he said was as severe a reflection as could be cast upon any public body. It was a great pity, he said, that the Board did not have the eminent writer of the article in its midst to counsel the members and give his advice.
As far as he was concerned, said Mr.
Blake, every word in the editorial was

graceful condition of things had existed in the City Gas-Works, but there was not a government anywhere which did not have at one time or other a defaulter in its midst. He hoped that such persons as that writer who advised how the city government should be run would announce themselves as candidates and be elected members of the Council. He had noticed that some of the people in the so-called business-men's movement had been members of this branch, and had repeatedly voted against reducing had been members of this branch, and had repeatedly voted against reducing of the expenses of the city government. If there was to be any reform it should be within the Democratic party. The original proposition of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the charter amendments did not contain one word about submitting the matter to a Democratic arimary declared the Monroscopic arimary declared th primary, declared the Monrod-

Ward member.
On motion of Mr. Allen the Water Committee was requested to submit an ordinance concerning the introduction and use of water meters.

The Board adjourned at 11:15 o'clock.

#### TOO SMALL TO BE IN COURT. Justice Crutchfield Tized of Having

Infants Before Him. ridiculous scenes which so often occur in the Police Court reached their climax yesterday morning, when two

children, hardly large enough to wear pants, appeared as prisoners at the bar. The little boys sat on their fathers' knees, and bowed and laughed and rumpled their lace-trimmed collars, which had doubtless been arranged on them only an hour before, and seemed highly pleased with their surroundings. pleased with their surroundings.

Only the sons of Messrs. Rolfe E.
Glover and James Grigg appeared, as
Dr. C. A. Mercer answered for his two

br. C. A. Mercer answered for his two boys, which he considered too young to bring into a court. The appearance of the pair was enough, however, Yor the Justice; and, giving a long sigh, he or-dered them to be put upon the lawyers' desk when their cases were called. There they sat, dangling their feet in the most unconcerned manner. THE TESTIMONY.

Officer B. A. Polteaux, who reported the case, took the stand, and testified that he had been sent to Mrs. Rawlings, of south Third street. When he saw Mrs. Rawlings and learned the tender age of the boys he told her they were too young to report. He was, however, asked to report them. port them.

The following letter from Mrs. Rawl-

ings, who did not appear in court, was read: Hon. John J. Crutchfield, Police Justice: Dear Sir,—I am summoned as a witness in your court to-day to testify in regard to a window in my house being broken during a rock-battle in front of

my house.

Permit me to say I know absolutely my nouse.

Permit me to say I know absolutely nothing of my own knowledge. I was not in the room at the time; did not see the window broken nor any of the boys who threw the rocks. My testimony would consequently be incompetent, and it will be useless for me to appear, especially as my informants have been summoned as witnesses, and will tell you all they told me. I have heard that these charges are made upon my information. If so, I would be very glad to have them withdrawn, as I do not know the parties, and did not desire any arrest to be made in the beginning.

Begging, therefore, to be excused from attending, I am, yours truly,

Mrs. J. RAWLINGS.

Two small boys, who were called as

Two small boys, who were called as witnesses, testified that a number of boys of about the same size as the prisoners had thrown pebbles at each other on Third street the day the window in Mrs. Rawlings's house was broken. One of the boys who threw pebbles was Mrs. Rawlings's son.

CAPTAIN GUIGON SPEAKS.

At the conclusion of the testimony, Captain A. B. Guigon, who chanced to be in the court-room, arose and addressed the Court:

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"I am going to make myself obnoxious," he said. "by volunteering my services as counsel for the defence and as amicus curiae." He then directed the attention of the Court to the youth of the prisoners, who, he declared, were not the boys against whom the community and the newspapers complained.

"These are the boys that one of the papers says I ought to send to the reformatory," interrupted Justice Crutchfield.

field.

Captain Guigon, continuing, said he was satisfied that he voiced the sentiment of the community when he averred that these boys were too small even to be brought into court, and he asked the Justice to discharge them.

Captain R. E. Frayser and Mr. J. Garland Poliard likewise remonstrated against the bringing of infants into court.

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Justice Crutchfield then read from Mayo the law defining the age at which children are responsible for crime, and after rubbing his eye-glasses, said: "I dismiss the case against the four infants. I intend fining boys who throw rocks in the street," continued the Justice, "and the fine in the Hobo neighborhood will be double, but I don't want any more infants brought in my court."

GAVE HIM THIRTY DAYS.

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Peter Lawrence, from the country, was a prisoner in the Police Court yesterday morning. He was charged with stealing a pair of cart-wheels from Thad. Talley. When the testimony had been concluded the Justice asked the colored farmer, "What time do you plant corn?" "In Arril," replied the man in high-boots. Like an echo, the words, "Thirty days," came from the lips of the Justice, which Giles Jackson, counsel for the defence, thought was light enough.

Two young criminals stood facing Justice Crutchfield, with tears in their eyes, and their mothers at their sides. They were charged with breaking into Car No. 22? of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, which was standing at the foot of Second street, on the James-River Division track. The seal of the car Lad been broken and a caddy of plug-tobacco stolen. One of the boys was caught with the tobacco, and the other with a hatchet. In a brief but feeling little speech Justice Crutchfield sent them both to the reformatory, at Laurel, and assured their parents that it was the best thing to be done.

HAILED FROM PHILADELPHIA. Janger Mercdith, a negro of an unusual dark hus, made his debut in the court. He was charged with being a suspicious character. "Where are you from, nigger?" I came from Philadel-phia, sah." "Well, where did you come from before you went North?" "Oh, l'es-born in Louiss county, sah." "Take

twelve months in default of 2000 security.
I don't approve of niggers going North."
The negro smiled.
Walter James alias Thomas Watkins (colored), charged with stealing an overcoat valued at \$10, was sent to jail for six months. This is the same negro who snatched a watch from the hand of another negro, when ascertaining the hour of the day at the Southern depot last fall, which case has been sent on to the grand jury.

For stealing one 10-pound can of lard

the grand fury.

For stealing one 10-pound can of lard from S. Ullman's Son's, Edward Page (colored) was sent to jail for four months.

Robert Watson (colored) and L. D. Alexander (white), two young boys, were arrested on Saturday by Officers Langp and Sowell for disorderly conduct and throwing apples at passer by. They were tried by Justice Crutchfield in special session at the Police Court Monday afternoon and fined 2 and costs.

#### A LETTER FROM MRS. RAWLINGS. Her Version of Why the Boys Were

Reported. Mrs. J. Rawlings sent the following to the Dispatch last night for publication: "I was astonished to read in the papers this afternoon that the police officer had testified in the hearing in the Police Court of the youths charged with throw-

Court of the youths charged with throwing rocks on south Third street that he made the report as a result of my persistent requests. The simple and unvarnished facts in the case are these:

"When one of the front windows in my house was broken last Friday afternoon it was at least the sixth time within the past three months that windows in the house had been broken as a result of boys throwing rocks in the street, but this was the first time 1 had been able to trace the act to any one boy. Dr. Mercer's son, who appeared to be at least 10 years old, admitted having thrown the rock, which broke the window, and I reported him, along with thrown the rock, which broke the win-dow, and I reported him, along with others, who, I was informed, were im-plicated in the rock-throwing, to Officer Poiteaux, who called at the house. After talking the matter over with him I sug-gested that, owing to the tender age of the boys, it would be best for the officer, instead of reporting them, to visit the parents of the youths and urge them to correct them. The officer adopted my parents of the youths and urge them to correct them. The officer adopted my suggestion, and took final leave of me with this distinct understanding. I was, therefore, greatly surprised to read on the following afternoon that the boys had been reported to the authorities, and would be arraigned in court. I took no action then to arrest the proceedings, however, because I thought the officer must have reported the case on additional nowever, because I thought the officer must have reported the case on additional information furnished by some one else. "When Officer Polteaux came yesterday to summon me to appear in court to-day I expressed surprise that he had reported

the case, and asked for an explanation. His reply was that the Chief of Police had heard of the matter and required him to report the case, and he could not do

otherwise.
"The publicity which this matter has forced upon me is painfully unpleasant, and, but for the fact that I have been misrepresented, as explained above, I would never again have appeared in

#### HIS LIBERTY FOR A COAT. John Meredith Goes Back for His

Garment and Is Caught. Joseph Meredith (colored) might now be enjoying freedom, instead of pining away in durance vile, if he could have parted with his coat, but his affection

for that article of clothing was such that it caused him to risk his liberty.

Monday night about 8 o'clock, while Sheriff John T. Hughes, who resides at No. 312 north Twenty-ninth street, was at supper with his family, Meredith entered the hall without any inti-mation, and was steathily passing the dining-room door, which was ajar, when he was detected by Mr. Hughes's little son, who called to his father that there was a man in the house. Mr. Hughes at once went into the hall and caught the negro by his coat-collar and asked the negro by his coat-collar and asked his son, Mr. John Hughes, Jr., to go and call up the patrol, but before the latter had gone half a square the negro suddenly threw his arms back, slipped from the coat, which was held firmly by Mr. Hughes, and with one bound dashed out of the house and cleared the fence. Liberty was not enough, however, and in about fifteen minutes he returned to the payement in front of the house and the pavement in front of the house and called to the servant to tell Mr. Hughes to give him his coat. Chase was again given to him, and this time he ran down

Twenty-ninth street, followed by a lot of boys, who chased him until he jumped down the steep hill near the corner of Grace street. From the description given by Mr. Hughes the police effected his arrest later in the evening, when his name was

scertained.

He was before Justice John yesterday and was sent down for twelve months.

Sergeant Hall has been working on the case, and he thinks the prisoner is man who is wanted in Luray on charge of shooting another man.

## MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Dr. Holder Speaks Feelingly of Evidences of Love for His People. Expressions of sympathy and contribu-

tions to the building fund of Grace-Street Baptist church have so poured in upon or, Hatcher that he has been compelled to secure the services of a stenographer to assist him in answering his correspondence, and yesterday he was busy in decreasing the number of unanswered

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The Doctor, when seen, spoke feelingly of the check he received from Dr. Moses D. Hoge for \$100 towards the new church, and the expression of sympathy accompanying it. Said the Doctor:

"I have abundant reason to know that the good people of Richmond feel the most fraternal sympathy with my church in its great bereavement. Already quite a number outside my church have sent in their contributions, and various movements are on foot to afford the people an opportunity to make offerings. Outside friends of the church are urging me and my people to make a canvass of the city, and this we may possibly do. We feel a delicacy about such a step, though we will gratefully acknowledge any contributions that are handed in."

Dr. Hatcher stated that his church people had so far subscribed \$19,000 to the building fund. He was not able to state the exact amount that had been received from outside his church.

He received yesterday a check for \$25 from the Rev. L. G. Haley and sons, of Buckner's, and \$6 from a Baptist church In Louisa county.

Dr. Broughton has received \$250 for his

In Louisa county.

Dr. Broughton has received \$20 for his labors for Grace-Street Baptist church. This money he will use in building his new church in Roanoke.

Rev. E. B. Hatcher, of Norfolk, was visiting his father, Dr. W. E. Hatcher, or sectories.

yesterday. Ran Through the School Children Ran Through the School Children,
Yesterday morning between 8 and 9
o'clock a horse attached to a buggy came
down Twenty-sixth street at terrific
speed. There was no one in the vehicle.
Just as the horse reached the corner of
Twenty-sixth and Leigh streets the pupils
of Springfield School had begun to arrive
in large numbers, the street being filled
with boys ranging in age from 8 to 18
years. Several of them narrowly missed
being struck. It is almost a miracle that
some one of them was not seriously injured.

On a Visit Home.

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Mrs. W. G. Evans, better known here as Miss Roberta Beasley, who was married about two weeks ago to the drummer for a Philadelphia house, is in the city on a visit to her relatives. The couple were married by the Rev. Dr. Berrill, of New Jersey, at 5:30 P. M., Wednesday, February 28th, having left Richmond on the early train that morping. Mr. Edward Hamlin was the best man. To cure a cold in one day take Lazative Brome Quinine Tableta. All druggists re-fund the money if it falls to ours. Mo.

# CAUGHT AT RALEIGH.

NEWS GATHERED AT THE NORTH STATE CAPITAL.

Professor Alderman's Address Complimented-Ex-Judge MacRae Denies Marshall Carroll Is Mad-Per

sonal and General Notes.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 10 -(Special.)-The New England Journal of Education pays a high tribute to Professor E. A. Alderman's address on "University Education, and the Duty of a State to Support a University," which was delivered recently before the National Educational Association at Jacksonville, Fla., saying that "he has thoroughly studied the ditions with great thoughtfulness, is emi-nently judicious, candid, and earnest, and sees the greatest hope for the South in the inspiration of higher education."

This morning ex-Judge James C. Mac Rae, who was present at the so-called conference of silverites held here last month, said to me: "I want to say that meeting, that I ever saw; no, not even nine. We never arranged any plan of action, and we never sent anybody to Washington to confer with Senator Butappears from this that Ed. Chamber Smith and R. B. Peebles made that now famous pligrimage to Washington "on their own hook."

There are a number of attorneys here There are a number of attorneys here in attendance upon the Supreme Court, which to-day began the call of Sixth-District appeals. Among these attorneys are H. G. Connor, of Wilson; W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro'; Donnell Gilliam, of Tarboro', S. C.; Weill and P. B. Manning, of Wilmington, and John D. Kerr, of Cilnton.

#### HE IS MAD.

United States Marshal O. J. Carroll in wrathy at the attacks upon him, which have been resumed, and in a day or two will publish a card. He declares the attacks are unjust, and untrue.

The visit of President Hoffman and Vice-President St. John, of the Seaboard

Air-Line, to Rutherfordton, to see what can be done in the way of extending that road to Asheville, will naturally attract attention. The route is declared to be one of the easiest, perhaps the easiest, through the Blue Ridge.

The Railway Commission last evening filed opinions in a number of minor cases. A better train service is secured between Tarboro' and Plymouth. Air-Line, to Rutherfordton, to see what can be done in the way of extending that

At midnight last night the syndicate owning the Atlantic Hotel, at Morehead City, which was in session here, made a deal with a company of Laurel, Md., and the latter takes the Atlantic. A good deal of real estate at Laurel and 300 acres in Virginia are taken in exchange.

change.

Mr. Lane, of Lynchburg, is doing the grading for the Southern railway's big new shops at Salisbury.

To-day at Durham the Executive Committee of the State Sunday-School Association had a session, H. H. Horne, of the State University, presiding.
Rev. Samuel Leard, whose death occurred here yesterday, was buried this

#### SCOTLAND NECK.

Great Increase in Tobacco Acreage Crop Liens.

SCOTLAND NECK. N. C., March 10. (Special.)-Your correspondent has made some inquiries concerning the increas of acreage of tobacco in this county this year, and it now appears that the acreage will be doubled. Many new barns being built, and large quantities of being built, and large quantities of fertilizers are being sold for the to-bacco crop. At Enfield, nearly in the centre of the county, a tobacco market will be established. The contract will be given for the building of a ware-house this week.

Register-of-Deeds Brinkly says that the number of crop lions thus for room.

the number of crop liens thus far recorded is about 25 per cent greater than at his time last year, though the amounts are perhaps no larger. He says the amounts of the mortgages are small in every case, ranging from \$25 to \$50. Many of the mortgages thus far recorded are for horses, a large numbe having been sold in all parts of the coun ty this year.

Windsor Notes.

Windsor, N. C., March 10.—(Special.)—James E. Mitchell, aged 49 years, a prominent farmer of this county, died at his residence, in Windsor, yesterday, of kidney and liver troubles. The deceased served during the late war as a private in the Eleventh North Carolina State Troops, Confederate army. At the time of his death he was a member of the Cashie Missionary Baptist church, and a member of Charity Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M.

Mrs. Mary Simonds, aged 63 years, widow of David Crocket Simonds, died at her residence, near Windsor, yesterday, of pneumonia.

Mrs. Penelope Bond, widow of Lewis T. Bond; her daughter, Mrs. Mollie Porter, and granddaughter, Penelope Porter, formerly of this county, but now residents of Brownsville, Tenn., are visiting in Windsor and in the county.

The Fulton Church Trouble.

Rev. Dr. William E. Hatcher, president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference, referring yesterday to the Fulton-church trouble said:

"So far as Mr. Daugherty is personally concerned, I have nothing but a feeling of the utmost kindness and brotherly charity for him. The ministers commend him in retiring from Fulton church, and declining to have any legal squabble over the house of worship. As to his doctrinal peculiarities, they are before the public, and the Baptists are quite willing that the public judge of their merits.

"I must express great admiration for the Fulton Baptist church. It has gone through a frightful ordeal, and it comes out in remarkably good shape. As to its future, that is assured. As to Mr. Daugherty's future, I cannot express an opinion."

Burning of Mr. Miller's House.

A private letter received here yesterday brought further particulars of the burning on Saturday last of the dwelling of Hon. James C. Mc. Miller, member of the House of Delegates from Fluvanna county, which was briefly reported in yesterday's Dispatch. The fire, which occurred about the middle of the day Saturday, broke out in the upper part of the house, probably from the chimney, and when the flames were first discovered by a negro man they had made great headway. Only a few pieces of furniture were saved, and the family barely escaped. Mr. Miller's mother was just recovering from a spell of sickness, and had only been sitting up a few days. There was no insurance on either the hourse or furniture. The loss will be several thousand dollars. Burning of Mr. Miller's House.

The trial of the Lunenburg prisoners will begin in Prince Edward County Court next Monday. Hom. George D. Wise, of counsel for the Abernathy and Barnes women, said yesterday that his side was ready to go into the case. He is confident that his clients will be acquitted.

The Hannar of the Y.'s.

The banar to be held at the corner of ith and Broad streets, by the Golden ule Y's, was opened last night under out encouraging conditions. A large own througed the store from 3 o'clock till after II. Besides serving refreshents the banar has many attractive attree, among which are a gold-headed may be presented to the most popular out Tumplar; a very handsome guilt,

made by the you'g ladies, is to be presented to the gentleman receiving the largest number of votes as the handsomest man; a beautiful lamp offered for the most popular young lady, and a most comfortable chair to be raffled off.

One of the most interesting features of the bazaar last evening was the trimming of hats by the gentlemen, using as a model a hat made of candy by Mr. J. A. Morris. A prize was given to the gentleman trimming a hat in the most approved style after the pattern, and of course that hat, when auctioned off, will receive many bids from the young ladies wishing to have the correct spring style.

### DOES THE WORK OF FOUR MEN

A Former Virginian Invents a Remarkable Tufting-Machine.

Quite a remarkable machine is now being tested at Barrett & Keesee's Machine-Works, this city. It is an invention of Dr. Y. K. Bagby, a well-known dentist of New Berne, N. C., for the purpose of tufting mattresses. The device is a most unique one, upon which Dr. Bagby has devoted considerable time and study, in order to bring it to its present stage of perfect operation. Dr. Bagby is related to nearly all the people Bagby is related to hearly air the people by that name in Virginia, and is a native of the Old Dominion, having been born in Hallfax county. His invention is simple, yet wonderful, and is only one of many which have been patented by Dr. Bagby.

This is said to be the first and only tutting machine that is listed in the

This is said to be the first and only tufting machine that is listed in the Patent-Office, and is believed to be the only one in use. The device is constructed of iron shaftings, cogs, arms, cranks, etc., all resting on and supported by a wood frame, requiring about 150 feet of timber. Its total weight is about 800 pounds; the tufting is done by 78 needles, which places in position 20 tufts at one stroke of the machine.

Further tests of the device, which is claimed to do the work of four men, will be made this afternoon. It is probable be made this afternoon. It is probable that these machines will be manufac-tured in Richmond.

#### CLARKE IS FOUND GUILTY.

Fined \$20 and Given Thirty Days in

The Henrico County Court was en gaged the whole of yesterday in the third trial of Joe Clarke, charged with setting fire to the hay-field of William McKenzey. In the two former trials the jury falled to reach an agreement. Yesterday a verdict of guilty was returned, the penalty being fixed at a fine of \$30 and imprison-ment in jail for thirty days: Joe Brown (coloced), was before Justice

G. C. Vincent yesterday charged with as-saulting and threatening to do violence to his wife, Mary Brown. He was jailed in default of surety required of him for his good behavior. No case has been set for trial to-day

No case has been set for trial to-day in the County Court, but on Thursday the cases of John Miles, charged with stealing two dogs, valued at \$25, and Garfield Poindexter, charged with assault and battery, will be heard.

## The Standard Holding Its Own.

The Standard Telephone Company again officially denies a rumor that it has been bought out by the Southern Bell. Presi-lent Robertson yesterday informed a dent Robertson yesterday informed a Dispatch reporter that there was absolutely not a word of truth in the report. He asserted that the Standard had no idea of parting with its privileges. It was admitted by one of the officers of the new company that a mysterious offer had been made to the Standard. The proposition was of \$40,000 for the franchise and to my the expenses incurred by the proposition was of 40,000 for the franchise and to pay the expenses incurred by the company. The speaker said he was in-clined to believe that this was the Bell's offer. His company declined to consider it unless the purchaser should give bond with ample security to carry out the Standard's contract. This, the would-be purchaser was not willing to would-be purchaser was not lo, and the deal was not made

The Standard is making good progress with its work, and expects to have its 'phones in operation in less than thirty days. Nearly all the poles are up, and the cross-arms are being re-ceived now.

### A Third-Street Grocer Falls.

A deed of assignment was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court yesterday evening late by Gilbert K. Pollock and F. E. Pollock, his wife, conveying the contents of their liquor and grocery store at No. 901 north Third street to Henry Parsons, trustee, Liambilities are about 1000 with the value. bilities are about \$1,000, while the value of the assets is not given. An unim-proved lot on the north side of Baker between Third and Fourth streets is also conveyed, though it is subject to a

also conveyed, though it is subject to a lien of \$800.

After disposing of the property the trustee is first to pay the lien referred to and the legal expenses incurred in drawing and executing the deed, including 39 to George J. Hooper, Jr., for professional services. The creditors are then enumerated in the following classes:
First-George E. Crawford & Co., \$185 due on note.
Second-Isabella H. Pollock, \$250.

Third-A. E. Oliver, \$196.49.
All other creditors are to share ratably in the residue of the proceeds, should there be any.

### Supreme Court of Appeals

The spring term of the Supreme Court of Appeals begun yesterday. The folof Appeals begun yesterday. The fol-lowing were the day's proceedings: People's Mutual Live Stock vs. Marye, Auditor. Dismissed. Collins and others, vs. Christian, Judge. Passed. Patterson vs. Dedier & Griffith. Re-moved from Wytheville to Richmond. Turner's Administrator vs. Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, and Ker-tory's Evecutor vs. Shenardoch Nation.

foot's Executor vs. Shenandoah National Bank. Continued.
Spliman, Adams & Co. vs. Gilpin.
Cause removed to Staunton.
Garland's Administrator vs. Garland's

Administrator. Argued by Edward S. Brown, Esq., for appellant, and Judge J. S. Diggs for appellee.

#### Residence and Stables Burned. The residence and stables of Mrs. Wil-

The residence and stables of Mrs. Wilkins, at Riverview, were completely destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The entire contents of the buildings, with the exception of a horse and cow, which were removed from the stable, were consumed. In fact, the occupants of the house came near being burned alive, and barely male their escape from the dwelling. The house, which was quite a large and commodious one, was insured for \$2,000, while the furnishings were insured for \$800. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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The remains of Mr. William Alston, a resident of Fairfield District, who died suddenly Sunday night from heart-disease, were carried yesterday to his former home, in North Carolina, for interment. Sunday evening Mr. Alston's wife suggested that he attend the services at Fairmount church with her. He replied that he was afraid to go, as he had been troubled with his heart, and feared the consequences of sitting in a close atmosphere for any length of time. He finally consented to go, however, and shortly after his return home fell dead.

## The Conference Deferred.

There was to have been a meeting of the Democratic superintendents of the various wards last night in the rooms of the Powhatan Club, but as only one or two of the gentlemen put in an ap-pearance the conference was not held.

Stop, Thief!

Stop a small malady, which is steeling your strength, before it outruns your power to arrest it, and recover what it took from you. The safest and prompteet recuperator of waning vitailty is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which renews vigor, Seeh, and nerve quietude because it restores activity to those functions whose interruption interferes with general health. Use the Bitters for dysr pala, malarial, rheumatism, and Eticary completing and biliousness.

MARCH 12, 1896. To-day starts a wonderfully portant

on a scale of values unmatched in Silk history. The story is brief: Last October a New York Silk importer accepted an order from a large retail house for a quantity of duced. Come and learn has silks aggregating NEARLY 200 made and taste of it-free. PIECES.

In the interim the retailer's credit became impaired; the importer declined to deliver the goods, preferring to make a sacrifice on the basis of CASH.

The deal was consummated last week, and the Silks are ready this morning.



will offer you these NEWEST, FRESHEST GOODS AT LESS THAN IMPORTER'S COST.

Ready at 9 o'clock.

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21-inch Handsome Persian and Dresden Silks at 43c. a yard.

21-inch New Design Corded Silks, in large Persian effects, 59c.

23-inch Handsome Dresden Silks, in neat, pretty effects, 69c. a yard.
Handsome Taffeta Silks, new spring effects, 59c.

69 pleces Handsome Plaid Taffeta Silks, in all the shadings, including Black and White, 8c. a yard.
Handsome Black Gros-Grain Silk, with satin figures, \$1.10 grade, for 72c.; \$1.39 quality for 35c.

21-inch Handsome Black Rustling Taffeta, 39c. a yard.

24-inch Black Satin, Rhadame, never sold cheaper than \$1.30 a yard, for 78c. a yard.

24-inch Black Satin, in all the newest colorings, including Black, 50c, quality, for 39c.

24-inch Black Double-Warp Surab, all pure silk, \$1 grade, for 50c. a yard.

Trunks. Trunks are in the story of today. The most convenient and substantial kind are represented. Prices like these:

A 32-inch Zinc-Covered Trunk, set-up tray, het-box, etc., for \$3.5.
Large Canvas-Covered Trunks, iron-bound and bottom, \$1.50.
Large Canvas-Covered Trunks, iron-bound and bottom, \$1.80.

Roller-Tray Trunk, canvas-covered, iron-bound and bottom, \$5.
Canvas Telescope-Bags, leather-bound, 50c, for 12-inch.

50c. for 13-inch.

75c. for 16-inch.

Skirts. 300 Spic Span New Dress Skirts are in the show room today at special prices.

Ladles' Full-Flare Figured Brilliantine
Skirts, \$1.59.

Ladles' Figured Brilliantine Skirts, full gured Brilliantine Skirts, full

flare, \$3.98.
Ladies' Black Mohair Skirts, full flare, velvet binding, for \$5.
Ladies' All-Wool Navy-Blue or Black Serge Skirts, full flare, \$5.59.
Ladies' Fancy Imported Novelty Skirts, full flare, velvet bindings, \$6.98.
WONDER-PRICE LINING

SALE.

Fibre Chamois, in Gray, Black, or White, 2 yards wide, IIc, a yard. 27-inch Black Rustling Percaline, usual 12 1-2c, grade, for 5c, a yard. 20c, grade of Black-Back Figured Sile-sia, for 19c, a yard.

Hosiery. we'll present you a stock of thosiery our own importation, which in noint of price and quality will clipse any former line ever presented in this city. inc over presented in this city.

Ladies' Lace-Stripe Black Best French Lisic Hose, White heel and toe, best 50c, value, for 33 1-3c, a pair.

Ladies' Drop-Stitch or Plain Lisic Hose, Hermsdorf dye, for 25c, a pair.

46 dozen Ladies' High-Class Novelty Hose, in polka-dot, ring, embroidered instep, or fancy boot-top, 25c, for any. Values run up to 45c, a pair.

129 dozen Ladies' Black or Russet Hose, Hermsdorf dye, high-spliced heels and double toes, 16 2-3c, a pair; 3 pairs for 59c.

We say 13 1-2c. a pair for the ordinary merchants' 17c. Ladies' Fast-Black Hermsdorf Dye Hose, all sizes, double

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Indestructible Heavy-Ribbed Bicy-Hose, fast Black, full seamless, kind, for 17c. a pair; 3 pairs for

50c. and 50c. Solve the so Broken Prices on Re-Prayer-

vised Prayer - Books and hymnals. Russia-leather bound-kid lined, and under gold, was 83.08, now 82.75 - same size, pebbled leather, good type, was 83.70, now 82.25.
Prayer-Books and Hymnals, 3-4 size, flexible backs, good type, was 83.60, now 82.19; same size, embossed leather, good type, was \$5.60, now \$1.98; same size, imprinted back, was \$2.89, now \$1.75.

\$1.55.

Prayer-Books and Hymnals, small size, emboased leather, India paper, was \$2.28, for \$1.75; corrugated-back, was \$2.58, for \$1.75; pebbled leather, India paper, was \$2.48, for \$1.50; imprinted back, was \$1.89, for \$38.

Art Goods. stamped with jewel, Dreaden, torch, and Empire designs, 10c. value, 1or 8c., centrepieces to match, 12x12, 18x12, 2xx20, 23 and 35c.

Tinted Table-Covers, 35x35, without fringe, 2ic. value, for 15c.
Stamped Chair Tidies, 10c. value, for ic. each.
All-Colors Embroidery Silk, 5c. a dozen.
Something new and pretty in Ladies' Grass Linen Collars, 89, 98c., and \$1.75.
Fancy Scrim for Tidies, in Blue and Pink, 25c. per yard. Basement News. CHINA DE-Nothing has done more to popularize this de-partment than our 10c. table.

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It contains French China Olive-Trays, Toothpick-Holders, Ice-Eream Saucers, Sait- and Pepper-Shakers, Pin-Trays, Jewelry-Trays, Cups and Saucers, French China Plates, and articles worth from 15 to 39c each; your choice for 10c.

Our 25c, Table contains Real French, German, and Austrian China, Decorated Plates, that sold for 48, 50, and 75c.

each; your choice of any for 25c.
French China Fruit or Saiad-Bowls, newest decorations, imported to sell for 11.75; your choice for 50c, each.
Real Cut-Ghass Flower-Vases, were \$2.98 each, diamond and fan patterns; your choice for 11 88.

1.009 Imitation Cut-Glass Water-Pitchers, half-gailon size, for 12c, each, were 33c.

Silver-Plated Tablespoons, for 1 1-2c each, instead of 75c, a dozen, Highly-Polished Oak Parlor Tables, were 11.95, for 58c, each.

FROM 11:30 TO 1120 O'CLOCK—Real Nickel Cuspadores that usually sell for 48c., for 12 1-2c, each, a limited quantity to any one customer.

White Cedar Water-Buckets, for 6c, each; value 2c.

The Heat Quality Straw Whisk-Brooms, usual price 18c., for 5c, each, instead of 5c.

Highly-Polished Steel Cake-Turners for 2c, each, instead of 5c.

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Rotary Flour-Sifters, 5c, each, instead of 5c.

Granite-Iron Drinking-Cups, for 5c, each, instead of 15c.

THE COHEN CO.

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The Accidental Shooting at Ocean

View-Suits Postponed. NORFOLK, VA., March 19 .- (Special.)—The young man, Thomas Barnes, who was accidentally shot near Ocean View last Sunday by his young friend, Johnson, died this morning at St. Vin-cent's Hospital. A jury of inquest was summoned, but adjourned over till Thurs-day at noon, in order that witness might be summoned from the scene of

the accident.

THE COHEN CO.

SPECIAL.

Mrs. Potts's Polishing-Irons, with pat ent handle, 75c, for a set of L instan-

ent handle, 75c. tor a set of a hates of \$1.35. 4-pound Tea-Scales, for 60c. each; usp-ally sold for \$1.25.

Frozen Bromangelon Sherbert,

The most delicious dessert ever pro-

duced. Come and learn how it is

THE COHE CO.

PROVED FATAL.

Ready at 11 o'clock.

A TERRIBLE WOUND. A TERRIBLE WOUND.

An autopsy was made on the body to-day, which showed that a terrible wound had been made in the right bream, a quantity of shot and part of his ciothing being taken from the cavity. The remains will be taken to Denby's Church, Norfolk county, to-morrow merning, and the funeral will take place at I o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The inter-

o'clock to-morrow afternoon, ment will be at that church. DAMAGE SUITS CONTINUED. DAMAGE SUITS CONTINUED.

The suits of Judge C. W. Murdaugh, administrator of W. C. Murdaugh, and Rev. Robert Gatewood, administrator of Arthur Gatewood, against the Norfolk and Ocean View Rallroad Company for \$10,000 damages in each case, were to-day continued to the next term by Judge Prentis, in the Norfolk county Circuit Court. These are the suits arising out of the fatal accident on the Ocean View road last summer.

ROTETOURT COUNTY.

#### Court-Day-The Wheat Crop-An Infavorable Outlook.

FINCASTLE, VA., March 10 .- (Special.) FINCASTLE, VA., March 10.—(Special) Our County Court was in session yesterday, Judge W. B. Simmons presiding. Much complaint was heard from the farmers about the unfavorable condition of the growing wheat crop, and fears are entertained that it has been seriously damaged by the cold, dry weather.

Mr. Madison McCulloch, an aged and highly respected citizen of the county, died Sunday. He was 77 years of age.

Soutire Jacob Peters, who is up in the

Squire Jacob Peters, who is up in the nineties, was reported to be in a dying condition yesterday morning. He has been in feeble health for several months.

#### STUPENDOUS BARGAIN GIVING TO-DAY!

It's just as natural for you to look to us for bargains as it is for a bird to fly. We never fail you.

These daily specials are watched by many eyes-eager to take advantage of the savings

#### In Cloak-Room (Second Floor).

an extra good offering in Separate Skirts—fine quality, figured Black Mohair Skirts—full 4½ yards wide, felled seams, lined through-out with rustle cambric—bound with velveteen, and the price \$5

### In the Annex.

3,206 yards of Fine Percale-netual measurement 3d inches wide. It must not be confounded with the ordinary stuff offered at this price-compare it with Garner's goods! It is so nearly like Garner's that only the eyes of an expert could detect the difference. The designs are new-the colorings fast, and the cloth equal to the 121/c. goods sold everywhere. The special price on this lot is 61/c.

## In the Basement.

Full Nickel-Plated Cuspidoressame as you'd pay 17c. for else-where—priced here 10c, each. Beautiful 8-inch Flower-Vases look like cut-glass-we've sold dozens of them at 25c. eachpriced now at 10c. each.

A Ton of our Famous Star Linen Writing Paper and Envel-

opes just arrived. The Paper 15c. pound—the Envelopes 5c. pack. MILLER & RHOADS,

Between Fifth and Sixth streets. 

509-511-513 east Broad street,



# TWO NEW STYLES

that are attracting the ladies to \$2.00 - A Tan-Colored New treme Pointed Lace Shoe. Other

dealers charge \$3-our price \$2. \$1.50-An Extreme-Pointed Button Bootlooks as good as a \$2.50 Shoeour price \$1.50.

THE SHOES are being rapid-soon. We will be out of sizes